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Kekoa Kaapu is a product of both the old and the new Hawaii. It is not surprising that he appreciates the values of the past as well as the needs of the future. He lived and grew up in the grass houses which his father, the late David of Punaluu, built as a family home amid the taro patches, coconut groves and fishponds of his ancient Kuleana.

The family lived a simple abundant life, close to nature in the old Hawaiian way. As a child, Kekoa worked in the taro patches, where his father taught him the hard work necessary for the sustenance of life, even in paradise.

From his mother, Myrtle King Kaapu, who was born in Oregon, raised in Washington, D.C., and educated at Goucher College in Maryland, Kekoa learned the importance of scholarship, competition, and higher education in the modern world.

Kekoa Kaapu attended Kahuku School and is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and Harvard University. He has served as a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, administrative assistant to Governor John A. Burns, Delegate to Hawaii Constitutional Conventions in 1968 and 1978, a member of the Honolulu City Council for two terms, and deputy city managing director for housing and urban development for the City & County of Honolulu. He is publisher of The Hawaii Public Interest Advocate.

High among his many accomplishments he authored the bill which became the Mass Transit Act of 1967.